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A.1 Notification No. 36/2023 – CT; dated 04.08.2023

- **G.S.R. 588(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 148 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies the electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52 as the class of persons who shall follow the following special procedure in respect of supply of goods made through it by the persons paying tax under section 10 of the said Act (hereinafter referred to as the said person), namely: -
- (i) the electronic commerce operator shall not allow any inter-State supply of goods through it by the said person;
- (ii) the electronic commerce operator shall collect tax at source under sub-section (1) of section 52 of the said Act in respect of supply of goods made through it by the said person and pay to the Government as per provisions of sub-section (3) of section 52 of the said Act; and
- (iii) the electronic commerce operator shall furnish the details of supplies of goods made through it by the said person in the statement in **FORM GSTR-8** electronically on the common portal.
- 2. This notification shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023.

[F. No. CBIC-20006/20/2023-GST]

Alok Kumar, Director

A.2 Notification No. 37/2023 – CT; dated 04.08.2023

- G.S.R. 589(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 148 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby notifies the electronic commerce operator who is required to collect tax at source under section 52 as the class of persons who shall follow the following special procedure in respect of supply of goods made through it by the persons exempted from obtaining registration (hereinafter referred to as the said person) in accordance with the notification issued under sub-section (2) of section 23 vide notification number 34/2023-Central Tax, dated the 31st July, 2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 577(E), dated the 31st July, 2023, namely:—
- (i) the electronic commerce operator shall allow the supply of goods through it by the said person only if enrolment number has been allotted on the common portal to the said person;
- (ii) the electronic commerce operator shall not allow any inter-State supply of goods through it by the said person;
- (iii) the electronic commerce operator shall not collect tax at source under sub-section (1) of section 52 in respect of supply of goods made through it by the said person; and

- (iv) the electronic commerce operator shall furnish the details of supplies of goods made through it by the said person in the statement in FORM GSTR-8 electronically on the common portal.
- 2. Where multiple electronic commerce operators are involved in a single supply of goods through electronic commerce operator platform, "the electronic commerce operator" shall mean the electronic commerce operator who finally releases the payment to the said person for the said supply made by the said person through him.
- 3. This notification shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023.

[F. No. CBIC-20006/20/2023-GST]

Alok Kumar, Director

A.3 Notification No. 38/2023 – CT; dated 04.08.2023

G.S.R. 590(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 164 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Central Government, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, namely: -

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) These rules may be called the Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023.
- (2) Save as otherwise provided in these rules, they shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. In the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 9, in sub-rule (1), in the proviso, in the longline, the words "in the presence of the said person" shall be omitted.
- 3. In the said rules, in rule 10A, for the portion beginning with the words and figure "as soon as may be, but not later than forty-five days" and ending with the words "in order to comply with any other provision" the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"within a period of thirty days from the date of grant of registration, or before furnishing the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both under section 37 in **FORM GSTR-1** or using invoice furnishing facility, whichever is earlier, furnish information with respect to details of bank account on the common portal".

- 4. In the said rules, in rule 21A.
 - (i) for sub-rule (2A), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2A) Where,-

(a) a comparison of the returns furnished by a registered person under section 39 with the details of outward supplies furnished in FORM GSTR-1 or the

details of inward supplies derived based on the details of outward supplies furnished by his suppliers in their FORM GSTR-1, or such other analysis, as may be carried out on the recommendations of the Council, show that there are significant differences or anomalies indicating contravention of the provisions of the Act or the rules made thereunder, leading to cancellation of registration of the said person, or

- (b) there is a contravention of the provisions of rule 10A by the registered person, the registration of such person shall be suspended and the said person shall be intimated in **FORM GST REG-31**, electronically, on the common portal, or by sending a communication to his e-mail address provided at the time of registration or as amended from time to time, highlighting the said differences, anomalies or non-compliances and asking him to explain, within a period of thirty days, as to why his registration shall not be cancelled.";
- (ii) in sub-rule (4), after second proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: "Provided also that where the registration has been suspended under sub-rule (2A) for contravention of provisions of rule 10A and the registration has not already been cancelled by the proper officer under rule 22, the suspension of registration shall be deemed to be revoked upon compliance with the provisions of rule 10A.".
- 5. In the said rules, in rule 23, in sub-rule (1), with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023,–
- (a) for the part beginning with the words "within a period of thirty days" and ending with the words and figures "section 30", the words "within a period of ninety days from the date of the service of the order of cancellation of registration" shall be substituted;
- (b) in the first proviso, for the words "Provided that", the following shall be substituted, namely: –

"Provided that such period may, on sufficient cause being shown, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, be extended by the Commissioner or an officer authorised by him in this behalf, not below the rank of Additional Commissioner or Joint Commissioner, as the case may be, for a further period not exceeding one hundred and eighty days:

Provided further that";

- (c) in the second proviso, for the words "Provided further", the words "Provided also" shall be substituted.
- 6. In the said rules, for rule 25, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:
 - "25. Physical verification of business premises in certain cases.
 - (1) Where the proper officer is satisfied that the physical verification of the place of business of a person is required after the grant of registration, he may get such verification of the place of business done and the verification

- report along with the other documents, including photographs, shall be uploaded in **FORM GST REG-30** on the common portal within a period of fifteen working days following the date of such verification.
- (2) Where the physical verification of the place of business of a person is required before the grant of registration in the circumstances specified in the proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 9, the proper officer shall get such verification of the place of business done and the verification report along with the other documents, including photographs, shall be uploaded in **FORM GST REG-30** on the common portal at least five working days prior to the completion of the time period specified in the said proviso.".
- 7. In the said rules, in rule 43, after sub-rule (5),
 - (a) in Explanation 1, clause (c) shall be omitted;
- (b) after *Explanation 2*, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, the following *Explanation* shall be inserted, namely: -
 - "Explanation 3:- For the purpose of rule 42 and this rule, the value of activities or transactions mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 8 of Schedule III of the Act which is required to be included in the value of exempt supplies under clause (b) of the Explanation to sub-section (3) of section 17 of the Act shall be the value of supply of goods from Duty Free Shops at arrival terminal in international airports to the incoming passengers."
- 8. In the said rules, in rule 46, in clause (f), in the proviso, for the words "name and address of the recipient along with its PIN code and the name of the State and the said address shall be deemed to be the address on record of the recipient", the following words "name of the state of the recipient and the same shall be deemed to be the address on record of the recipient" shall be substituted:
- 9. In the said rules, in rule 59, in sub-rule (6), after clause (d), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:-
 - "(e) a registered person, to whom an intimation has been issued on the common portal under the provisions of sub-rule (1) of rule 88D in respect of a tax period or periods, shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both under section 37 in FORM GSTR-1 or using the invoice furnishing facility for a subsequent tax period, unless he has either paid the amount equal to the excess input tax credit as specified in the said intimation or has furnished a reply explaining the reasons in respect of the amount of excess input tax credit that still remains to be paid, as required under the provisions of sub-rule (2) of rule 88D;
 - (f) a registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both under section 37 in **FORM GSTR-1** or using the invoice furnishing facility, if he has not furnished the details of the bank account as per the provisions of rule 10A.".

- 10. In the said rules, in rule 64, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, for the words "person in India other than", the words "non-taxable online recipient referred to in section 14 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017) or to" shall be substituted.
- 11. In the said rules, in rule 67, in sub-rule (2), with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, for the portion beginning with the words "The details" and ending with the words "suppliers", the words "The details of tax collected at source under sub-section (1) of section 52 furnished by the operator under sub-rule (1) shall be made available electronically to each of the registered suppliers" shall be substituted.
- 12. In the said rules, after rule 88C, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-
 - "88D. Manner of dealing with difference in input tax credit available in autogenerated statement containing the details of input tax credit and that availed in return.-
 - (1) Where the amount of input tax credit availed by a registered person in the return for a tax period or periods furnished by him in FORM GSTR-3B exceeds the input tax credit available to such person in accordance with the auto-generated statement containing the details of input tax credit in FORM GSTR-2B in respect of the said tax period or periods, as the case may be, by such amount and such percentage, as may be recommended by the Council, the said registered person shall be intimated of such difference in Part A of FORM GST DRC- 01C, electronically on the common portal, and a copy of such intimation shall also be sent to his email address provided at the time of registration or as amended from time to time, highlighting the said difference and directing him to—
 - (a) pay an amount equal to the excess input tax credit availed in the said FORM GSTR-3B, along with interest payable under section 50, through FORM GST DRC-03, or
 - (b) explain the reasons for the aforesaid difference in input tax credit on the common portal,

within a period of seven days.

- (2) The registered person referred to sub-rule (1) shall, upon receipt of the intimation referred to in the said sub-rule, either,
 - (a) pay an amount equal to the excess input tax credit, as specified in Part A of FORM GST DRC- 01C, fully or partially, along with interest payable under section 50, through FORM GST DRC-03 and furnish the details thereof in Part B of FORM GST DRC-01C, electronically on the common portal, or
 - (b) furnish a reply, electronically on the common portal, incorporating reasons in respect of the amount of excess input tax credit that has still remained to be paid, if any, in Part B of FORM GST DRC-01C,

within the period specified in the said sub-rule.

- (3) Where any amount specified in the intimation referred to in sub-rule (1) remains to be paid within the period specified in the said sub-rule and where no explanation or reason is furnished by the registered person in default or where the explanation or reason furnished by such person is not found to be acceptable by the proper officer, the said amount shall be liable to be demanded in accordance with the provisions of section 73 or section 74, as the case may be."
- 13. In the said rules, in rule 89,-
- (a) in sub-rule (1), in third proviso, for the words "in the last return required to be furnished by him" the words "only after the last return required to be furnished by him has been so furnished" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-rule (2), in clause (k), after the words "payment of tax" the words "and interest, if any, or any other amount paid" shall be inserted.
- 14. In the said rules, rule 94 shall, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, be renumbered as sub-rule (1) and after the sub-rule as so renumbered, the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-
- "(2) The following periods shall not be included in the period of delay under sub-rule (1), namely:-
 - (a) any period of time beyond fifteen days of receipt of notice in FORM GST RFD-08 under sub-rule (3) of rule 92, that the applicant takes to-
 - (i) furnish a reply in FORM GST RFD-09, or
 - (ii) submit additional documents or reply;

and

- (b) any period of time taken either by the applicant for furnishing the correct details of the bank account to which the refund is to be credited or for validating the details of the bank account so furnished, where the amount of refund sanctioned could not be credited to the bank account furnished by the applicant."
- 15. In the said rules, in rule 96, in sub-rule (2), both the provisos shall be omitted.
- 16. In the said rules, in rule 108, in sub-rule (1), –
- (a) for the words "either electronically or otherwise as may be notified by the Commissioner", the word "electronically" shall be substituted;
 - (b) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-
 - "Provided that an appeal to the Appellate Authority may be filed manually in FORM GST APL-01, along with the relevant documents, only if-
 - (i) the Commissioner has so notified, or

(ii) the same cannot be filed electronically due to non-availability of the decision or order to be appealed against on the common portal,

and in such case, a provisional acknowledgement shall be issued to the appellant immediately.".

- 17. In the said rules, in rule 109, in sub-rule (1),—
- (a) for the words "either electronically or otherwise as may be notified by the Commissioner", the word "electronically" shall be substituted;
 - (b) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that an appeal to the Appellate Authority may be filed manually in FORM GST APL-03, along with the relevant documents, only if-

- (i) the Commissioner has so notified, or
- (ii) the same cannot be filed electronically due to non-availability of the decision or order to be appealed against on the common portal,

and in such case, a provisional acknowledgement shall be issued to the appellant immediately.".

- 18. In the said rules, after rule 138E, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-
 - "138F. Information to be furnished in case of intra-State movement of gold, precious stones, etc. and generation of e-way bills thereof.-
 - (1) Where-
 - (a) a Commissioner of State tax or Union territory tax mandates furnishing of information regarding intra-State movement of goods specified against serial numbers 4 and 5 in the Annexure appended to sub-rule (14) of rule 138, in accordance with sub-rule (1) of rule 138F of the State or Union territory Goods and Services Tax Rules, and
 - (b) the consignment value of such goods exceeds such amount, not below rupees two lakhs, as may be notified by the Commissioner of State tax or Union territory tax, in consultation with the jurisdictional Principal Chief Commissioner or Chief Commissioner of Central Tax, or any Commissioner of Central Tax authorised by him.

notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 138, every registered person who causes intra-State movement of such goods, -

- (i) in relation to a supply; or
- (ii) for reasons other than supply; or
- (iii) due to inward supply from an un-registered person,

shall, before the commencement of such movement within that State or Union territory, furnish information relating to such goods electronically, as specified in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01, against which a unique number shall be generated:

Provided that where the goods to be transported are supplied through an e-commerce operator or a courier agency, the information in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01 may be furnished by such e-commerce operator or courier agency.

- (2) The information as specified in PART B of FORM GST EWB-01 shall not be required to be furnished in respect of movement of goods referred to in the sub-rule (1) and after furnishing information in Part-A of FORM GST EWB-01 as specified in sub-rule (1), the e-way bill shall be generated in FORM GST EWB-01, electronically on the common portal.
- (3) The information furnished in Part A of FORM GST EWB-01 shall be made available to the registered supplier on the common portal who may utilize the same for furnishing the details in FORM GSTR-1.
- (4) Where an e-way bill has been generated under this rule, but goods are either not transported or are not transported as per the details furnished in the e-waybill, the e-way bill may be cancelled, electronically on the common portal, within twenty-four hours of generation of the e-way bill:

Provided that an e-way bill cannot be cancelled if it has been verified in transit in accordance with the provisions of rule 138B.

- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in this rule, no e-way bill is required to be generated-
 - (a) where the goods are being transported from the customs port, airport, air cargo complex and land customs station to an inland container depot or a container freight station for clearance by Customs;
 - (b) where the goods are being transported-
 - (i) under customs bond from an inland container depot or a container freight station to a customs port, airport, air cargo complex and land customs station, or from one customs station or customs port to another customs station or customs port, or
 - (ii) under customs supervision or under customs seal.
- (6) The provisions of sub-rule (10), sub-rule (11) and sub-rule (12) of rule 138, rule 138A, rule 138B, rule 138C, rule 138D and rule 138E shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to an e-way bill generated under this rule.

Explanation.- For the purposes of this rule, the consignment value of goods shall be the value, determined in accordance with the provisions of section 15,

declared in an invoice, a bill of supply or a delivery challan, as the case may be, issued in respect of the said consignment and also includes the central tax, State tax or Union territory tax charged in the document and shall exclude the value of exempt supply of goods where the invoice is issued in respect of both exempt and taxable supply of goods."

19. in the said rules, after rule 142A, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"142B. Intimation of certain amounts liable to be recovered under section 79 of the Act.

- (1) Where, in accordance with section 75 read with rule 88C, or otherwise, any amount of tax or interest has become recoverable under section 79 and the same has remained unpaid, the proper officer shall intimate, electronically on the common portal, the details of the said amount in **FORM GST DRC-01D**, directing the person in default to pay the said amount, along with applicable interest, or, as the case may the amount of interest, within seven days of the date of the said intimation and the said amount shall be posted in Part-II of Electronic Liability Register in **FORM GST PMT-01**.
- (2) The intimation referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be treated as the notice for recovery.
- (3) Where any amount of tax or interest specified in the intimation referred to in sub-rule (1) remains unpaid on the expiry of the period specified in the said intimation, the proper officer shall proceed to recover the amount that remains unpaid in accordance with the provisions of rule 143 or rule 144 or rule 145 or rule 146 or rule 147 or rule 155 or rule 156 or rule 157 or rule 160."
- 20. In the said rules, in rule 162, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, –
- (a) in sub-rule (3), the words "has cooperated in the proceedings before him and" shall be omitted;
 - (b) after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-
 - **"(3A)** The Commissioner shall determine the compounding amount under sub-rule (3) as per the Table below:-

TABLE

S. No.	Offence	Compounding amount if offence is punishable under clause (i) of sub- section (1) of section 132	Compounding amount if offence is punishable under clause (ii) of sub- section (1) of section 132	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
1	Offence specified in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act	Up to seventy-five per cent of the amount of tax evaded or the amount of input tax	Up to sixty per cent of the amount of tax evaded or the amount of input tax	

S. No.	Offence	Compounding amount if offence is punishable under clause (i) of sub- section (1) of section 132	Compounding amount if offence is punishable under clause (ii) of sub- section (1) of section 132	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
2	Offence specified in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act	credit wrongly availed or utilised or the amount of refund wrongly taken,	credit wrongly availed or utilised or the amount of refund wrongly taken,	
3	Offence specified in clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act	subject to minimum of fifty per cent of such amount of tax evaded or the amount of input tax credit wrongly subject to minim forty per cent of amount of tax evaluation in the amount of input tax credit wrongly the amount of input tax credit wrongly		
4	Offence specified in clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act	availed or utilised or the amount of refund wrongly taken.	credit wrongly availed o utilised or the amount o refund wrongly taken.	
5	Offence specified in clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act	Amount equivalent to twenty five per cent of tax evaded.	Amount equivalent to twenty five per cent of tax evaded.	
6	Offence specified in clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act			
7	Offence specified in clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 132 of the Act			
8	Attempt to commit the offences or abets the commission of offences mentioned in clause (a), (c) to (f) and clauses (h) and (i) of subsection (1) of section 132 of the Act	Amount equivalent to twenty five per cent of such amount of tax evaded or the amount of input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised or the amount of refund wrongly taken.	Amount equivalent to twenty five per cent of such amount of tax evaded or the amount of input tax credit wrongly availed or utilised or the amount of refund wrongly taken.	

Provided that where the offence committed by the person falls under more than one category specified in the Table above, the compounding amount, in such case, shall be the amount determined for the offence for which higher compounding amount has been prescribed.".

21. In the said rules, after rule 162, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023, the following rule, shall be inserted, namely:-

"163. Consent based sharing of information.

- (1) Where a registered person opts to share the information furnished in—
 - (a) FORM GST REG-01 as amended from time to time;
 - (b) return in FORM GSTR-3B for certain tax periods;
 - (c) FORM GSTR-1 for certain tax periods, pertaining to invoices, debit notes and credit notes issued by him, as amended from time to time,

with a system referred to in sub-section (1) of section 158A (hereinafter referred to as "requesting system"), the requesting system shall obtain the consent of the said registered person for sharing of such information and shall communicate the consent along with the details of the tax periods, where applicable, to the common portal.

- (2) The registered person shall give his consent for sharing of information under clause (c) of sub-rule (1) only after he has obtained the consent of all the recipients, to whom he has issued the invoice, credit notes and debit notes during the said tax periods, for sharing such information with the requesting system and where he provides his consent, the consent of such recipients shall be deemed to have been obtained.
- (3) The common portal shall communicate the information referred to in sub-rule (1) with the requesting system on receipt from the said system-
 - (a) the consent of the said registered person, and
 - (b) the details of the tax periods or the recipients, as the case may be, in respect of which the information is required.".
- 22. In the said rules, in FORM GSTR-3A, the following shall be inserted at the end, namely:-

" Or

Notice to return defaulter u/s 46 for not filing annual return

Financial year- Type of Return –GSTR-9/GSTR-9A

Being a registered taxpayer, you are required to furnish annual return for the supplies made or received and/or to include self-certified reconciliation statement for the aforesaid financial year by due date. The due date specified for filing annual return for the said financial year is over and it has been noticed that you have not filed the said return till date.

2. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the said return within 15 days failing which appropriate action including imposition of penalty as per law will be taken.

- 3. This notice shall be deemed to have been withdrawn in case the return referred above, is filed by you before issue of the show cause notice of penalty proceeding.
- 4. This is a system generated notice and does not require signature.".
- 23. In the said rules, in FORM GSTR-5A, with effect from 1st day of October, 2023;—
- (i) in the heading, for the words "persons in India", the words, brackets and figure "online recipient (as defined in Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017) and to registered persons in India" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for serial number 4 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be substituted, namely:-
 - "4. Period: Month _____ Year -
 - 4(a) ARN:
 - 4(b) Date of ARN:";
- (iii) in serial number 5, for the word "consumers", the words "non-taxable online recipient" shall be substituted;
- (iv) in serial number 5A, for the word "persons", the words "online recipient" shall be substituted;
- (v) after serial number 5A and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and entries shall be inserted, namely:
- "5B. Taxable outward supplies made to registered persons in India, other than non-taxable online recipient, on which tax is to be paid by the said registered persons on reverse charge basis

(Amount in Rupees)

GSTIN	Taxable Value
1	2

5C. Amendments to the taxable outward supplies made to registered persons in India, other than non-taxable online recipient, on which tax is to be paid by the said registered persons on reverse charge basis

(Amount in Rupees)

Month	Original GSTIN	Revised GSTIN	Taxable value
1	2	3	4

",

- 24. In the said rules, in **FORM GSTR-8**, with effect from the 1st day of October, 2023,-
- (a) after serial number 3 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries, shall be inserted, namely:-

"3.1. Details of supplies made through e-commerce operator by un-registered suppliers

Enrolment no. of Supplier	Gross value of supplies made	Value of supplies Returned	Net value of the supplies
1	2	3	4

"

(b) after serial number 4 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries, shall be inserted, namely;-

"4.1. Amendments to details of supplies made through e-commerce operator by unregistered suppliers

	Original details		Revised details		
Month	Enrolment no. of supplier	Enrolment no. of supplier	Gross value of supplies made	Value of supply returned	Net value of the supplies
1	2	3	4	5	6

"

- 25. In the said rules, in **FORM GSTR-9**, under the heading 'Instructions', -
 - (a) in paragraph 4, -
 - (A) after the word, letters and figures "or FY 2021-22", the word, letters and figures "or FY 2022-23" shall be inserted;
 - (B) in the Table, in second column, -
 - (I) against serial numbers 5D, 5E and 5F, the following entries shall be inserted at the end, namely: –

'For FY 2022-23, the registered person shall report Non-GST supply (5F) separately and shall have an option to either separately report his supplies as exempted and nil rated supply or report consolidated information for these two heads in the "exempted" row only.';

- (II) against serial numbers 5H, 5-I and 5J & 5K, for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall respectively be substituted;
- (b) in paragraph 5, in the Table, in second column, -
 - (A) against serial numbers 6B, 6C, 6D and 6E, for the letters and figures "FY 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22", the letters, figures and word "FY 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall respectively be substituted;
 - (B) against serial numbers 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G and 7H, for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall be substituted;
- (c) in paragraph 7, -
 - (A) after the words and figures "filed upto 30th November, 2022.", the following words, figures and letters shall be inserted, namely: -
 - "For FY 2022-23, Part V consists of particulars of transactions for the previous financial year but paid in the FORM GSTR-3B of April, 2023 to October, 2023 filed upto 30th November, 2023.";
 - (B) in the Table, in second column, -
 - (I) against serial numbers 10 & 11, the following shall be inserted at the end, namely: "For FY 2022-23, details of additions or amendments to any of the supplies already declared in the returns of the previous financial year but such amendments were furnished in Table 9A, Table 9B and Table 9C of FORM GSTR-1 of April, 2023 to October, 2023 filed upto 30th November, 2023 shall be declared here.";
 - (II) against serial number 12, -
 - (i) after the words, figures and brackets "upto 30th November, 2022 shall be declared here. Table 4(B) of FORM GSTR-3B may be used for filling up these details.", the following shall be inserted, namely: -
 - "For FY 2022-23, aggregate value of reversal of ITC which was availed in the previous financial year but reversed in returns filed for the months of April, 2023 to October, 2023 filed upto 30th November, 2023 shall be declared here. Table 4(B) of FORM GSTR-3B may be used for filling up these details.";
 - (ii) for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall be substituted;
 - (III) against serial number 13, -
 - (i) after the words, letters and figures "reclaimed in FY 2022-23, the details of such ITC reclaimed shall be furnished in the annual return for FY 2022-23,", the following shall be inserted, namely: -

"For FY 2022-23, details of ITC for goods or services received in the previous financial year but ITC for the same was availed in returns filed for the months of April, 2023 to October, 2023 filed upto 30th November, 2023 shall be declared here. Table 4(A) of FORM GSTR-3B may be used for filling up these details. However, any ITC which was reversed in the FY 2022-23 as per second proviso to sub-section (2) of section 16 but was reclaimed in FY 2023-24, the details of such ITC reclaimed shall be furnished in the annual return for FY 2023-24.";

- (ii) for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall be substituted;
- (d) in paragraph 8, in the Table, in second column, -
 - (A) against serial numbers, -
 - (I) 15A, 15B, 15C and 15D; and
 - (II) 15E, 15F and 15G,

for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the letters, figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall respectively be substituted.";

- (B) against serial numbers 16A, 16B and 16C, for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall respectively be substituted.";
- (C) against serial number 17 & 18, for the word, letter and figures "For FY 2021-22", the words, letter and figures "For FY 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall be substituted.".
- 26. In the said rules, in **FORM GSTR-9C**,-
 - (i) in Part A, in the table -
 - (a) in S1 no. 9, after B and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely: -

"B-1	6%			".

(b) in Sl no. 11, after description "5%", the following shall be inserted, namely: -

6%			".
070			. ,

(c) in Pt. V, after description "5%", the following shall be inserted, namely: -

6%					,". ·
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- (ii) under the heading 'Instructions', -
 - (a) in paragraph 4, in the Table, in second column, against serial no. 5B, for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall be substituted;
 - (b) in paragraph 6, in the Table, in second column, against serial number 14, for the figures and word "2020-21 and 2021-22", the figures and word "2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23" shall be substituted.
- 27. In the said rules, in **FORM GST RFD-01**, in Annexure-1, under Statement-7, for the Table, the following Table shall be substituted, namely:-

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S1.	Document/Invoice Details			Details of amount paid					
No.	Type of document	ARN No.	Date	Integrated Tax	Central Tax	State / UT Tax	Cess	Interest	Any other (please specify)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Details of refund claimed								
Integrated Tax	Central Tax	State / UT Tax	Cess	Interest	Any other			
					(please specify)			
11	12	13	14	15	16			

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28. In the said rules, after FORM GST DRC-01B, the following forms shall be inserted, namely: -

"FORM GST DRC-01C

[See rule 88D]

PART-A (System Generated)

Intimation of difference in input tax credit available in auto-generated statement containing the details of input tax credit and that availed in return

	containing the details of input tax eredit and that availed in return
Ref No:	Date:
GSTIN:	
Legal Name	2:

(20)

Form Type	Input tax credit available / availed (in Rs.)					
	IGST	CGST	SGST / UTGST	Cess	Total	
FORM GSTR-2B						
FORM GSTR-3B						
Excess input tax credit availed						

- 2. In accordance with sub-rule (1) of rule 88D, you are hereby requested to either pay an amount equal to the said excess input tax credit, along with interest payable under section 50, through FORM GST DRC-03 and furnish the details thereof in Part-B of FORM GST DRC-01C, and/or furnish the reply in Part-B of FORM GST DRC-01C incorporating reasons in respect of that part of the excess input tax credit that has remained to be paid, within a period of seven days.
- 3. It may be noted that where any amount of the excess input tax credit remains to be paid after completion of a period of seven days and where no explanation or reason for the same is furnished by you or where the explanation or reason furnished by you is not found to be acceptable by the proper officer, the said amount shall be liable to be demanded in accordance with the provisions of section 73 or section 74, as the case may be, of the Act.
- 4. This is a system generated notice and does not require signature.

PART-B

Reply by Taxpayer in respect of the intimation of difference in input tax credit

Reference No. of Intimation:

Date:

A. I have paid the amount equal to the excess input tax credit, as specified in **Part A** of **FORM GST DRC-01C**, fully or partially, along with interest payable under section 50, through **FORM GST DRC-03**, and the details thereof are as below:

ARN of FORM GST DRC-03	Paid Under Head	Tax Period	IGST	CGST	SGST / UTGST	CESS	Interest
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

AND/OR

B. The reasons in respect of that part of the excess input tax credit that has remained to be paid are as under:

S. No.	Brief Reasons for Difference	Details (Mandatory)
1	Input tax credit not availed in earlier tax period(s) due to non-receipt of inward supplies of goods or services in the said tax period (including in case of receipt of goods in instalments).	
2	Input tax credit not availed in earlier tax period(s) inadvertently or due to mistake or omission	
3	ITC availed in respect of import of goods, which is not reflected in FORM GSTR-2B	
4	ITC availed in respect of inward supplies from SEZ, which are not reflected in FORM GSTR-2B	
5	Excess reversal of ITC in previous tax periods which is being reclaimed in the current tax period	
6	Recredit of ITC on payment made to supplier, in respect of ITC reversed as per rule 37 in earlier tax period.	
7	Recredit of ITC on filing of return by the supplier, in respect of ITC reversed as per rule 37A in earlier tax period.	
8	FORM GSTR-3B filed with incorrect details and will be amended in next tax period (including typographical errors, wrong tax rates, etc.)	
9	Any other reasons (Please specify)	

Verification		
I given hereinabove is true and cobeen concealed therefrom.	hereby solemnly affirm and decreet to the best of my knowledge	
	Signature of Autl	norised Signatory
		Name:
	De	esignation/Status:
Place:		
Date:		
	(22)	

FORM GST DRC -01D

[See rule 142B]

		Intin	nation for a	mount r	ecoverable	e under se	ction 79		
Reference	e No. –								
							Date-		
1. Detai	ls of in	timation:							
(a)	Financ	cial year:							
(b)	Tax po	eriod: Fr	om To						
			or rule (s) uw 79 may be			tion is issu	ied: < I	Orop down	or check
3. Detai	ls of ta	x, interes	t or any amo	ount pay	able:				
								(Amou	int in Rs.)
Tax Pe	eriod	Act	POS	Tax	Interest	Penalty	Fee	Others	Total
From	То		(Place of Supply)						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total									
	nitiated		to make the						
						Signatu	re:		
						Name:			
						Designa	ation:		
						Jurisdic	ction:		
						Addres	s:		
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Note -

1. Only applicable fields may be filled up."

[F. No. CBIC-20006/20/2023-GST]

Alok Kumar, Director

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide notification No. 3/2017-Central Tax, dated the 19th June, 2017, published vide number G.S.R. 610(E), dated the 19th June, 2017 and were last amended vide notification No. 04/2023 - Central Tax, dated the 31st March, 2023 vide number G.S.R. 247(E), dated the 31st March, 2023.

A.4 Notification No. 39/2023 – CT; dated 17.08.2023

G.S.R. 612(E) – In exercise of the powers under section 3 read with section 5 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) and section 3 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), the Central Government, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 02/2017-Central Tax, dated the 19th June, 2017 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 609(E), dated the 19th June, 2017, namely: -

In the said notification, in Table II, with effect from the 4th April, 2022, -

(i) for serial number 39 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted, namely:-

"39	Guntur	Districts of West Godavari, Krishna, NTR, Eluru, Guntur, Bapatla, Palnadu, Prakasam, SPS Nellore, mandals of Kovvur, Chagullu, Tallapudi, Nidadavole, Undrajavaram, Peravali, Devarapalle, Gopalapuram and Nallajerla of East Godavari District and mandals of Gudur, Chillakaur, Kota, Vakadu, Chittamur, Balayapalli, Venkatagiri, Dakkili, Ozili, Naidupet, Pellakur, Doravarisatram, Sullurpeta and Tada of Tirupati District in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The territorial waters and the seabed and sub soil underlying such waters from where the nearest point of the appropriate baseline is located in the state of Andhra Pradesh.";
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(ii) for serial number 101 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted, namely:-

"101	Tirupati	Districts of Chittoor, YSR Kadapa, Anantpur, Annamayya, Sri Satyasai,
		Nandyal, Kurnool and mandals of Buchi Naidu Kandriga,
		Varadaiahpalem, Satyavedu, Srikalahasti, Thottambedu, Renigunta,
		yerpedu, Kumara Venkata Bhupala Puram, Nagalapuram, Pichatur,

Narayanavanam, Tirupati Urban, Tirupati Rural, Chandragiri, Pakala,					
Ramachandrapuram, Vadamalapet, Puttur, Yerravaripalem and					
Chinnagottigallu of Tirupati district in the State of Andhra Pradesh.";					

(iii) for serial number 107 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be substituted and shall be deemed to have been substituted, namely:-

"107	Visakhapatnam	In the Districts of Srikakulam Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam,				
		Anarkapalli, Alluri Sitaramaraju, Parvatipurammanyam, Dr. B.R.				
		Ambedkar Konaseema, Kakinada and mandals of				
		Rajamahendravaram Urban, Rajamahendravaram Rural, Kadiam,				
		Rajanagaram, Seethanagaram, Korukonda, Gokavaram,				
		Anaparthi, Biccavolu and Rangampeta of East Godavari District				
		in the State of Andhra Pradesh.".				

[F. No. CBIC-20016/18/2023-GST]

Raghavendra Pal Singh, Director

Note: The principal notification No. 02/2017- Central Tax, dated the 19th June, 2017, was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 609(E), dated the 19th June, 2017, and subsequently amended vide Notification No. 02/2021 – Central Tax, dated the 12th January, 2021 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 18(E), dated the 12th January, 2021 and last amended vide Notification No. 02/2022-Central Tax dated the 11th March, 2022 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (i) vide number G.S.R. 193(E), dated the 11th March, 2022.

A.5 Notification No. 40/2023 – CT; dated 17.08.2023

S.O. 3683(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017) and section 3 of the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), the Board, hereby appoint officers mentioned in column (5) of the Table below to act as the Authority to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred or imposed on officers mentioned in column (4) of the said Table in respect of notice mentioned in column (2) of the said Table for the purpose of adjudication of notice mentioned in column (3) of the said Table, namely:-

TABLE

Sl. No.	Name of Noticee and Address		Notice Number and Date		Name of Adjudicating Authority		Name of the Authority	
(1)	(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)	
1.	M/s	United	37/ADC/CGST	/ MC/	Joint	or	Joint	or
	Spirits	Ltd.	Audit-II / 2022	2 dated	Additional		Additional	

(USL),	24.08.2022 issued vide	Commissioner,	Commissioner of	
26 th floor, A	F.No.CGST-A2/MUM/F	CGST and Central	Central Tax,	
Wing,	22/GST/United	Excise, Mumbai	Kolkata North	
Marathon	Spirits/5307/5668/2021/5	Central	Central Excise	
Futurex, N.M.	962.	Commissionerate.	and GST	
Joshi Marg,			Commissionerate	
Lower Parel,				
Mumbai,				
Maharashtra-				
400013.				

[F. No. CBIC-20016/16/2023-GST] **Raghavendra Pal Singh, Director**

A.6 Notification No. 41/2023 – CT; dated 25.08.2023

G.S.R. 624(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 37 read with section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 83/2020 – Central Tax, dated the 10th November, 2020, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 699(E), dated the 10th November, 2020, namely:—

In the said notification, in the fourth proviso:-

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "tax periods April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023", the words, letter and figure "tax periods April 2023, May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023", the words, letter and figure "twenty-fifth day of August, 2023" shall be substituted.
- 2. This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 31st day of July, 2023.

[F. No. CBIC-20006/10/2023-GST]

Alok Kumar, Director

Note: The principal notification No. 83/2020 –Central Tax, dated the 10th November, 2020 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 699(E), dated the 10th November, 2020 and was last amended by notification No. 18/2023 –Central Tax, dated the 17th July, 2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 506(E), dated the 17th July, 2023.

A.7 Notification No. 42/2023 – CT; dated 25.08.2023

- **G.S.R. 625(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of section 39 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 12/2023 Central Tax, dated the 24th May, 2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 385(E), dated the 24th May, 2023, namely: —
- (i) for the words, letter and figure "months of April, 2023, May, 2023 and June, 2023" the words, letter and figure "months of April, 2023, May, 2023, June, 2023 and July, 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023", the words, letter and figure "twenty-fifth day of August, 2023" shall be substituted.
- 2. This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 31st day of July, 2023.

[F. No. CBIC-20006/10/2023-GST]

Alok Kumar, Director

Note : The principal notification No. 12/2023 –Central Tax, dated the 24th May, 2023 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 385(E), dated the 24th May, 2023 and was last amended by notification No. 19/2023 –Central Tax, dated the 17th July, 2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 507(E), dated the 17th July, 2023

A.8 Notification No. 43/2023 – CT; dated 25.08.2023

G.S.R. 626(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of section 39 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Commissioner, on the recommendations of the Council, hereby makes the following amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 20/2023 – Central Tax, dated the 17th July, 2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 508(E), dated the 17th July, 2023, namely:

for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023", the words, letter and figure "twenty-fifth day of August, 2023" shall be substituted.

2. This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 31st day of July, 2023.

[F. No. CBIC-20006/10/2023-GST]

Alok Kumar, Director

Note: The principal notification No. 20/2023 –Central Tax, dated the 17th July, 2023 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 508(E), dated the 17th July, 2023.

A.9 Notification No. 44/2023 – CT; dated 25.08.2023

G.S.R. 627(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (6) of section 39 read with section 168 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (12 of 2017), the Commissioner hereby makes the following further amendment in notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 26/2019 – Central Tax, dated the 28th June, 2019, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R.452(E), dated the 28th June, 2019, namely:—

In the said notification, in the first paragraph, in the fifth proviso:-

- (i) for the words, letter and figure "months of April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023" the words, letter and figure "months of April 2023, May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023" shall be substituted;
- (ii) for the words, letters and figure "thirty-first day of July, 2023", the words, letter and figure "twenty-fifth day of August, 2023" shall be substituted.
- 2. This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from the 31st day of July, 2023.

[F. No. CBIC-20006/10/2023-GST] Alok Kumar, Director

Note : The principal notification No. 26/2019 –Central Tax, dated the 28th June, 2019 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 452(E), dated the 28th June, 2019 and was last amended by notification No. 21/2023 –Central Tax, dated the 17th July, 2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary vide number G.S.R. 509(E), dated the 17th July, 2023.

B CIRCULARS

S. N.	Date	Circular No.	Subject	Sec	Rule
B.1	01.08.2023	200/12/2023-GST	Clarification regarding GST rates and classification of certain goods based on the recommendations of the GST Council in its 50th meeting held on 11th July, 2023	9, 10	-
B.2	01.08.2023	201/13/2023-GST	Clarifications regarding applicability of GST on certain services	9, 10	-

B.1 Circular No. 200/12/2023-GST; dated 01.08.2023

To.

The Principal Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners/ Principal

Commissioners / Commissioners of Central Tax (All)

The Principal Directors General / Directors General (All)

Madam/Sir,

Subject: Clarification regarding GST rates and classification of certain goods based on the recommendations of the GST Council in its 50th meeting held on 11th July, 2023–reg.

Based on the recommendations of the GST Council in its 50th meeting held on 11th July, 2023, clarifications with reference to GST levy related to the following items are being issued through this circular:

- i. Un-fried or un-cooked snack pellets, by whatever name called, manufactured through process of extrusion;
- ii. Fish Soluble Paste:
- iii. Desiccated coconut;
- iv. Biomass briquettes;
- v. Imitation zari thread or yarn known by any name in trade parlance;
- vi. Supply of raw cotton by agriculturist to cooperatives;
- vii. Plates, cups made from areca leaves
- viii. Goods falling under HSN heading 9021
- 2. <u>Applicability of GST on un-fried or un-cooked snack pellets, by whatever name called, manufactured through process of extrusion:</u>

- 2.1 In the 48th meeting of the GST Council, it was clarified that the snack pellets (such as 'fryums'), which are manufactured through the process of extrusion, are appropriately classifiable under tariff item 1905 90 30, which covers goods with description 'Extruded or expanded products, savoury or salted', and thereby attract GST at the rate of 18% vide S. No. 16 of Schedule-III of notification no. 1/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 28th June, 2017.
- 2.2 In view of the recommendation of the GST Council in the 50th meeting, supply of uncooked/ un-fried extruded snack pellets, by whatever name called, falling under CTH 1905 will attract GST rate of 5% vide S. No. 99B of Schedule I of notification no. 1/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 28th June, 2017 with effect from 27th July,2023. Extruded snack pellets in ready- to-eat form will continue to attract 18% GST under S. No. 16 of Schedule III of notification no. 1/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 28th June, 2017.
- 2.2 Further, in view of the prevailing genuine doubts regarding the applicability of GST rate on the un-fried or un-cooked snack pellets, by whatever name called, manufactured through process of extrusion, the issue for past period upto 27.7.2023 is hereby regularized on "as is" basis.

3. **Applicability of GST on Fish Soluble Paste:**

- 3.1 Fish soluble paste attracted 18% under the residual entry S No. 453 of Schedule III of notification no. 1/2017-Central Tax (Rate), dated the 28th June, 2017. As per recommendation of the GST Council, GST on fish soluble paste, falling under CTH 2309, has been reduced to 5%. Accordingly, the rate has been notified vide S. No. 108A with effect from 27th July, 2023.
- 3.2 Further, in view of the prevailing genuine doubts regarding the applicability of GST rate on fish soluble paste, the issue for past period upto 27.7.2023 is hereby regularized on "as is" basis.

4. <u>Desiccated coconut- Regularisation of the issue for past period from 01.07.2017</u> up to and inclusive of 27.07.2017:

As per recommendation of the GST Council, in view of the prevailing genuine interpretational issues regarding the applicability of GST rate on the desiccated coconut, falling under CTH 0801, the issue for past period from 01.07.2017 up to and inclusive of 27.07.2017 is hereby regularized on "as is" basis.

5. <u>Biomass briquettes- Regularisation of the issue for past period from 01.07.2017 up to and inclusive of 12.10.2017:</u>

As per recommendation of the GST Council, in view of the prevailing genuine interpretational issues regarding the applicability of GST rate on the Biomass briquettes, falling under any chapter, the issue for past period from 01.07.2017 up to and inclusive of 12.10.2017 is hereby regularized on "as is" basis.

6. Supply of raw cotton by agriculturist to cooperatives:

6.1 As per recommendation of the GST Council, it is hereby clarified that supply of raw cotton, including kala cotton, from agriculturists to cooperatives is a taxable supply and such supply of raw cotton by agriculturist to the cooperatives (being a registered person) attracts 5%

GST on reverse charge basis under notification no. 43/2017-Central Tax (Rate) dated 14th November, 2017.

6.2 In view of prevailing genuine doubts, the issue for the past periods prior to issue of this clarification is hereby regularized on "as is basis".

7. <u>GST rate on Imitation Zari thread or yarn known by any name in trade parlance:</u>

- 7.1 In the 15th Council meeting, the Council agreed to tax embroidery or zari articles i.e., imi, zari, kasab, saima, dabka, chumki, gota, sitara, naqsi, kora, glass beads, badla, gizai at the rate of 5%. Based on the recommendation of the 28th GST Council, it was clarified that imitation zari thread or yarn known as "Kasab" or by any other name in trade parlance, would attract a uniform GST rate of 12% under tariff heading 5605.
- 7.2 As per the recommendation of the GST Council in its 50th meeting, GST on imitation zari thread or yarn known by any name in trade parlance has been reduced from 12% to 5%. Accordingly, the rate has been notified vide S. No. 218AA with effect from 27th July, 2023.
- 7.2. In view of the confusion in the trade regarding the applicability of GST rate on these products, the issue for past period upto 27.7.2023 is hereby regularized on "as is" basis.

8. Plates, cups made from areca leaves

As per the recommendation of the GST Council, issues relating to GST on plates and cups made from areca leaves are hereby regularized on "as is basis" for the period prior to 01.10.2019.

9. GST rate on goods falling under HSN 9021

- 9.1 Representations have been received seeking clarification regarding the GST rates applicable on trauma, spine and arthroplasty implants falling under HSN heading 9021 for the period before 18.07.2022 stating that there are interpretational issues due to the duality of rates on similar items leading to ambiguity. The issue has arisen as prior to 18.07.2022 there existed two rates on the goods falling under HSN heading 9021 as per S. No. 257 of schedule I and S. No. 221 of schedule II of notification no. 01/2017-CT (Rate) dated 28.06.2017.
- 9.2 The issue was examined by GST Council in its 47th meeting and as per its recommendations, a single uniform rate of 5% was prescribed for such goods (except hearing aid, which continued to attract Nil under S.N. 142 of 02/2017-CT(Rate)) falling under HSN heading 9021 with effect from 18.07.2022.
- 9.3 As per recommendations of the GST council in its 50th Meeting, it is hereby clarified that the GST rate on all such goods falling under heading 9021 would attract a GST rate of 5% and in view of prevailing genuine doubts, the issue for the past periods is hereby regularized on "as is basis". However, it is clarified that no refunds will be granted in cases where GST has already been paid at higher rate of 12%.
- 10. It is further clarified that no refunds will be granted where GST has already been paid in any of the above cases.

11. Difficulty if any, in the implementation of this circular may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Yours faithfully, (Nitin Gupta)

B.2 Circular No. 201/13/2023-GST; dated 01.08.2023

To.

The Principal Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners/ Principal Commissioners/ Commissioner of Central Tax (All) / The Principal Director Generals/ Director Generals (All) Madam/Sir,

Subject: Clarifications regarding applicability of GST on certain services – reg.

Representations have been received seeking clarifications on the following issues

- 1. Whether services supplied by director of a company in his personal capacity such as renting of immovable property to the company or body corporate are subject to Reverse Charge mechanism;
- 2. Whether supply of food or beverages in cinema hall is taxable as restaurant service.

The above issues have been examined by GST Council in the 50th meeting held on 11th July, 2023. The issue -wise clarifications as recommended by the Council are given below:

Whether services supplied by director of a company in his personal capacity such as renting of immovable property to the company or body corporate are subject to Reverse Charge mechanism:

- 2. Reference has been received requesting for clarification whether services supplied by a director of a company or body corporate in personal or private capacity, such as renting of immovable property to the company, are taxable under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) or not.
- 2.1 Entry No. 6 of notification No. 13/2017 CTR dated 28.06.2017 provides that tax on services supplied by director of a company or a body corporate to the said company or the body corporate shall be paid by the company or the body corporate under Reverse Charge Mechanism.
- 2.2 It is hereby clarified that services supplied by a director of a company or body corporate to the company or body corporate in his private or personal capacity such as services supplied by way of renting of immovable property to the company or body corporate are not taxable under RCM. Only those services supplied by director of company or body corporate, which are supplied by him as or in the capacity of director of that company or body corporate shall be taxable under RCM in the hands of the company or body corporate under notification No. 13/2017-CTR (Sl. No. 6) dated 28.06.2017.

Whether supply of food or beverages in cinema hall is taxable as restaurant service:

- 3. References have been received requesting for clarification whether supply of food and beverages at cinema halls is taxable as restaurant service which attract GST at the rate of 5% or not.
- 3.1 As per Explanation at Para 4 (xxxii) to notification No. 11/2017-CTR dated 28.06.2017, "Restaurant Service' means supply, by way of or as part of any service, of goods, being food or any other article for human consumption or any drink, provided by a restaurant, eating joint including mess, canteen, whether for consumption on or away from the premises where such food or any other article for human consumption or drink is supplied."
- 3.2 Eating joint is a wide term which includes refreshment or eating stalls/ kiosks/ counters or restaurant at a cinema also.
- 3.3 The cinema operator may run these refreshment or eating stalls/ kiosks/ counters or restaurant themselves or they may give it on contract to a third party. The customer may like to avail the services supplied by these refreshment/snack counters or choose not to avail these services. Further, the cinema operator can also install vending machines, or supply any other recreational service such as through coin-operated machines etc. which a customer may or may not avail.
- 3.4 It is hereby clarified that supply of food or beverages in a cinema hall is taxable as 'restaurant service' as long as:
 - a) the food or beverages are supplied by way of or as part of a service, and
 - b) supplied independent of the cinema exhibition service.
- 3.5 It is further clarified that where the sale of cinema ticket and supply of food and beverages are clubbed together, and such bundled supply satisfies the test of composite supply, the entire supply will attract GST at the rate applicable to service of exhibition of cinema, the principal supply.
- 4. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of this circular may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajeev Ranjan) Under Secretary, TRU